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Blots on City Beautiful

tranger. should enter from the north, the first impressions
If he shoubly inviting. There is a collection of motor
will be reasonably inver courts and other commercial establishments just outside the companies and other larger estabishments to beautify their commercialization. The tourist will recognize it as an indus
rial district but not an unpleasing one. Pacific highway from the south, the impression gained just utside the city limits is also passable; there are several well so many motor courts but those that are there fairly attractEntering the city proper from either north or south
tract from the pleasatnes of the there is little to criticize in the appearance of the tenantle
homes. Most of them are well kept, painted fairly recently, lawns. green and mowed. Those which are dilapidated in on
respect are ill-kept in others; and then there are a few old, va Vacant lots constitute the chief eyesores, and it so hap-
ens that there are many vacant lots along the route of the south highway approach. The city has recently issued its an weeds and grass, but owners of some of the vacant lots have soon shatter and spread to nearby lawns. The city govern
ment should be encouraged to "crack down" more vigorously in this matter.
Such eyes
alem are nosoody's as appearticular on thent. highway approaches city with little neglected property, so much of that which is
neglected lies along the highway entrances. Salem people ahould pay more attention to these matters of "first impres
sion" and thus enhance Salem's reputation as a "city beau
tiful"

Film Magnates Under Fire Shares of amusement companies took a sharp drop a few
days ago following the filing of suits charging 33 motion pic
ture companies and 132 movie executives with violating the Sberman anti-trust laws. There was reason for the dec
because it looks as though the government had a case. ies through control of theatre outlets, suppress competition Some own chains of theatres themselves, and contract with
theatre operators in other cities on an exclusive basis. It is alleged that producers refuse to sell first-run pictures to ind the other houses. Another complaint is on block-booking, in son's output of films whether they are adapted for their class The movie business is a business "Topsy" that "just
growed," only it grew like a beanstalk so fast it bore fruits of enormous profits to all lucky enough to be on the inside. Per
formers, producers, executives received fabulous incomes The companies paid handsome dividends, then capitalized a
inflated values. Eventually the securities were bought by th Let the daylight shine in on the movie business. The pub giving the prove effective in banishing some of the evils and dustry. Nothing the government will do can hurt the busine as much as the damage done by the fin
on the movie industry.


